Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A ~~Portal Server~~ portal-server system comprising:

a component to add a reference to ~~references in~~ an existing navigation tree of [[the]] a local ~~Portal (1) page representing~~ portal, wherein the reference represents a placeholder for a navigation tree of a ~~Portal~~ portal fragment of a remote ~~Portal (2),~~ portal, and wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

a component [[(10)]] to establish communication with [[said]] the remote ~~Portal (2)~~ portal and to receive ~~Meta information~~ meta-information of ~~said Portal~~ the portal fragment via a ~~Communication~~ communication component [[(20)]] of [[said]] the remote ~~Portal (2)~~ portal, wherein ~~said Meta information completely~~ the meta-information describes the navigation tree of ~~said Portal~~ the portal fragment[[,]];

a component [[(30)]] to merge [[said]] the existing navigation tree of [[said]] the local ~~Portal (1)~~ portal with [[said]] the navigation tree of ~~said Portal~~ the portal fragment, wherein ~~resulting in~~ a new navigation tree is formed [[,]]; and

a component to traverse [[said]] the new navigation tree by applying [[the]] a look and feel of [[said]] the local ~~Portal(1)~~ portal.

2.   (Currently Amended) The ~~Portal Server~~ portal-server system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transformation component [[(15)]] at [[said]] a local ~~Portal (1)~~ portal side which receives the ~~Meta information~~ meta-information in a standardized [[XML]] extensible markup language -format and transforms [[it]] the meta-information into [[the]] a format of [[said]] the existing navigation tree of [[said]] the local ~~Portal (1)~~ portal.

3.   (Currently Amended) A method ~~Method~~ for dynamically integrating ~~of remote Portal fragments~~ a portal fragment of a remote portal into a local ~~Portal~~ portal while maintaining [[the]] a look and feel of the local portal, ~~characterized by the steps~~ of the method comprising:

identifying a reference in an existing navigation tree of the local ~~Portal page~~ portal representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of [[a]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal fragment, wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

establishing communication with [[said]] the remote ~~Portal,~~ portal;

receiving ~~Meta-information~~ <u>meta-information</u> from [[said]] <u>the</u> remote ~~Portal~~ <u>portal</u> describing the navigation tree of ~~said Portal~~ <u>the remote portal</u> fragment to be integrated[[,]] <u>;</u>

merging <u>the</u> existing navigation tree with the navigation tree of the ~~Portal~~ <u>remote portal</u> fragment to be integrated resulting in a new navigation tree[[,]] <u>; and</u>

rendering an integrated ~~Portal~~ <u>portal</u> page by traversing [[said]] <u>the</u> new navigation tree, identifying references to the remote ~~Portal fragments~~ <u>portal fragment</u> in [[said]] <u>the</u> new navigation tree, establishing communication with [[said]] <u>the</u> remote ~~Portals~~ <u>portal</u>, and receiving [[the]] <u>a</u> markup of [[said]] <u>the</u> remote portal ~~Fragments~~ <u>fragment</u> for displaying ~~said Portal~~ <u>the remote portal</u> fragment into [[said]] <u>the</u> integrated <u>portal</u> page.

4. (Currently Amended) <u>The method</u> ~~Method~~ according to claim 3, wherein the ~~Meta-information is generated by the following steps~~ <u>step of receiving the meta-information comprises</u>:

loading <u>a</u> navigation tree of the remote ~~Portal page~~ <u>portal</u> if a ~~Portal~~ <u>portal</u> fragment request is received by the remote ~~Portal,~~ <u>portal;</u>

extracting <u>the</u> navigation tree of ~~said Portal~~ <u>the remote portal</u> fragment to be integrated from [[said]] <u>the</u> navigation tree of [[said]] <u>the</u> remote ~~Portal,~~ <u>portal; and</u>

~~putting said~~ <u>inserting the</u> navigation tree of [[said]] <u>the</u> remote ~~Portal~~ <u>portal</u> fragment into ~~a XML~~ <u>an extensible markup language</u> document.

5. (Currently Amended) <u>The method</u> ~~Method~~ according to claim 4, <u>further comprising:</u> ~~wherein said Meta-information is received~~ <u>receiving the meta-information</u> by [[said]] <u>the</u> local ~~Portal~~ <u>portal</u> in a standardized [[XML]] <u>extensible markup language</u> format.

6. (Currently Amended) <u>The method</u> ~~Method~~ according to claim 5, wherein ~~said Meta-information~~ <u>the meta-information</u> is converted from [[said]] <u>the</u> standardized [[XML]] <u>extensible markup language</u> format into [[the]] <u>a</u> format of the existing navigation tree of the local ~~Portal~~ <u>portal</u> before merging.

7. (Currently Amended) <u>A computer</u> ~~Computer~~ program product stored in ~~the internal memory of a digital computer containing parts of software code to execute the method in accordance with claims 4 to 6 if the product is run on the computer.~~ <u>a computer readable medium, the computer program product comprising:</u>

<u>computer usable program code for identifying a reference in an existing navigation tree of a local portal representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of a remote portal fragment, wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;</u>

computer usable program code for establishing communication with a remote portal ;

computer usable program code for receiving meta-information from the remote portal describing the navigation tree of the remote portal fragment to be integrated;

computer usable program code for merging the existing navigation tree with the navigation tree of the remote portal fragment to be integrated resulting in a new navigation tree; and

computer usable program code for rendering an integrated portal page by traversing the new navigation tree, identifying references to the remote portal fragment in the new navigation tree, establishing communication with the remote portal and receiving a markup of the remote portal fragment for displaying the remote portal fragment into the integrated portal page.